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FAIR ACCUSER ON THE GRILL

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Richmond here went into the question of Mrs. Compton warning Miss Deyo to look out for her girls.

In reply Mrs. Compton said that she had been told of his relations with some of the girls to whom he was giving special instruction and she had told Miss Deyo to look out for these girls.

Questioned by Mrs. Wilcox, Richmond denied that he had ever discussed Miss Sandrey with Mrs. Compton, and denied several other statements.

Mrs. Wilcox—See by the paper, Mr. Richmond, that you were married in Hilo before you started for Honolulu to—Miss Sandrey.

Richmond—That is not so.

Rice—You say she told you she would wreck the school months ago?

Richmond—Yes, sir.

Rice—You gave her plenty of time to do it, then, before reporting the matter.

Allen—Events have not shown that she did anything, however.

Richmond—I did not think she could do it.

Gibson—I knew nothing at all about this matter until I went to Hilo.

Allen—I think, Mr. Richmond, that you should have reported this matter at once to the board, and that you were remiss in your duty in not reporting that Mrs. Compton would wreck the school.

Other questions were asked by different members of the board to Richmond, and he was asked why Mrs. Compton should say such a thing.

Richmond—I believe that it was caused by her wish to have the music all to herself.

Rice—Did Mrs. Compton not do her work after she said she would wreck the school?

Richmond—She did. She is a very capable teacher.

Pope tried here to help Richmond out by a suggestion of a conversation with him, but nothing definite was said at that time.

Mrs. Wilcox—Mr. Richmond, you did not consider any of these acts insubordinate until March?

Richmond—I wanted to prove things before I took any steps.

Mrs. Compton—Where was Mrs. Lewis when she heard me say I would wreck the high school?

Richmond—As I understand, she was downstairs.

Mrs. Compton—And where was Mr. Richmond—At the top of the stairs?

Mrs. Compton—Talking with you?

Richmond—Yes.

Questioned by Mrs. Compton, Richmond could not state at what time she had asked for control of the music in order that she might have it for the literary society.

Mrs. Compton could not get a definite answer from Richmond about the music and appealed to the board.

Allen and Stanley took a hand here and Richmond stated that Mrs. Compton asked for entire charge of the music in the literary society.

This statement of Richmond did not tally with that of Saturday, when he gave the impression, if not in exact words, that Mrs. Compton had asked for entire charge of the music in the high school.

School Witnesses.

Julia Nathaniel, 17 years of age, who has been in school two years, was called to testify.

Julia stated that once Richmond had come to Mrs. Compton's room at the school.

"Mr. Richmond came to the room and asked Mrs. Compton to come out. The class was just starting and Mrs. Compton said, 'Not now, Mr. Richmond; I have a class to attend to.' That is the only time I remember Mr. Richmond came to the classroom," said Julia.

The witness stated that Miss Allen was at the door at the time Richmond came, and she did not see him come, but once.

Richmond questioned Julia as to where she was staying in Honolulu, and she replied that she was in care of Mrs. Compton; that she had not talked of this matter since it happened.

The witness was excused.

Edward Maby, who, Richmond said, saw Mrs. Compton demand his signa-

ture to the resignation, was next called.

Maby said, under questioning of Judge Stanley, that he saw Mrs. Compton hand some papers to Richmond, but did not hear what she said.

Also that Richmond replied to her in an angry tone.

This happened the day before Mrs. Compton was suspended.

Under questioning by Richmond, Maby replied in the same tenor as he had to the other questions.

He maintained that he had not heard any conversation, just the tone of voice that Richmond had used.

Mrs. Compton had asked him to be a witness to the conversation, but he had not paid attention enough to remember the words.

On several occasions he had seen Richmond act and talk angrily with Mrs. Compton.

Maby corroborated the statements of Mrs. Compton about the singing at the Andrews home, and that there was no hula dancing.

This witness prepared the petition of the Hilo high school strikers, he said, in response to a question by Richmond. He showed the petition to Carl Smith, but Mrs. Compton knew nothing about it until it was all over.

He and others went into Judge Andrews' house after they had left school, Carl Smith was with them.

Mrs. Compton had told them all to go back to school when they had told her what had been done.

Machyo Arakawa, called, said that Mrs. Compton took a pencil and paper and went to Mr. Richmond. Mrs. Compton spoke low and she did not hear what was said except that she wanted to see Mr. Richmond.

She could not hear what they were talking about, but Mrs. Compton walked away from Richmond in an angry manner, came back to the room and excused all but Maby and Arakawa.

Richmond left Miss Allen's desk, where the conversation took place, and walked to another room.

In regard to the graduation essay, Machyo was assigned to Miss Sandrey, who told her not to talk with anyone else.

As the English teacher in the past had had charge of many of the pupils, Machyo told Mrs. Compton about it.

Here a question was asked Richmond by Mrs. Wilcox, if he had assigned the girl to Miss Sandrey for her essay, and he replied in the affirmative.

Following, Richmond was asked by Mrs. Compton if it was the custom to assign the pupils to the different teachers and if the English teacher did not generally have some of them, to which he replied again in the affirmative.

Mrs. Compton—Did you assign any pupils to me as teacher of English?

Richmond—I did not.

More adjournment was taken for lunch until one-thirty.

MRS. RICHMOND IS CENTER OF ATTENTION

"Attentions" of various kinds to many women of Hilo, including several teachers, were charged against Principal Richmond of the Hilo high school, and he replied in the affirmative of the investigation Saturday afternoon.

According to Mrs. Compton, Principal Richmond showered his favors widespread.

The point that Mrs. Compton insisted upon in her recital of details was that it was not her school-work that brought her into disfavor with the principal, but matters outside of school, and that after she had learned some of the details of Richmond's relations with women, his manner toward her changed entirely and he tried to drive her out of the school.

Serious Statements.

Charges that Richmond was caught in a most compromising attitude with a servant girl by Mrs. Compton, that he had made love to several Hilo women, including Miss Sandrey and Mrs. Lewis, the latter of whom made it unpleasant for Mrs. Compton that she could no longer live in the same house where the other teachers lived with Mrs. Lewis, that Editor Kinney of the Tribune had told Richmond his attentions to Mrs. Lewis were causing considerable talk around town, that Editor Connors of the Herald called on Mrs. Compton occasionally and read Kipling to her, and that Richmond strenuously objected to this, and finally that when asked pointblank by Mrs. Compton in regard to his relations with Mrs. Lewis, Richmond had replied with a shrug, "There is nothing doing when Jarrett

is around" were some of the statements made by Mrs. Compton.

Saturday Afternoon.

Opening the afternoon session of the Compton-Richmond inquiry, Mrs. Wilcox asked the first question in regard to Mrs. Compton's failure to come out of the room, and Richmond stated the same as Saturday morning.

Mrs. Wilcox—Were you in the habit of asking your teachers to leave the room to speak with you?

Richmond—Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. Wilcox—Had you ever asked Mrs. Compton to leave the room with you before?

Richmond—I don't remember.

In response to a question by Mr. Richmond said he was in the habit of calling teachers from the classrooms, when they were busy with classes, to confer with him.

Mrs. Compton—What in your mind, Mr. Richmond, caused this break?

Richmond—Your refusal to comply with my request.

Mrs. Compton—Why should I comply with your request?

Richmond—There was no reason—Miss Deyo was then called and questioned by Richmond.

Miss Deyo stated that Mrs. Compton told Richmond the papers he wanted were in her desk and he could have them any time he wanted them.

Miss Deyo said that Mrs. Compton stated at one time when Mr. Pope went into Mrs. Lewis' classroom that there was a lot of immorality in Hilo going on in the schools and known by the church people and yet they did nothing.

No Others Present.

"This was said only in my presence, neither Mr. Richmond nor any one else hearing the statement," said Miss Deyo.

Mrs. Compton—To whom did my remark about immorality refer? What bearing did Miss Deyo understand that to have on the school question?

Miss Deyo—I judged it to be in connection with the teachers.

Mrs. Compton asked how Miss Deyo thought the remark applied, and Miss Deyo said because Mrs. Lewis' name had been mentioned just previously.

In response to a question by Stanley, Miss Deyo said that no names had been mentioned and Mrs. Compton's remarks were general. Also that there had been friction in the school since November.

Answering Mrs. Wilcox, Miss Deyo said that she never heard Mrs. Compton refuse a request of Mr. Richmond.

Allen—Did you ever hear Mrs. Compton say she would wreck the high school?

Miss Deyo—I never did.

When asked by Mrs. Compton, Miss Deyo could not recall an instance which called to her attention the fact that there was discord in the school on Mrs. Compton's account.

Miss Allen, another teacher, was called by Richmond and she made her answers as dramatic as possible, at one time jumping to her feet and shaking her fist in the air.

Commissioner Aiken to show how Mrs. Compton had talked to Richmond, she said.

Miss Allen is said to have dramatic leanings and to be the head of amateur theatricals in Hilo.

Started in Boarding House.

The testimony of this witness was for the most part devoted to episodes in the boarding house where they are lived with Mrs. Lewis, and from this witness it was first learned that the whole trouble originated in the house, a statement which was afterward confirmed by the story of Mrs. Compton, who told the circumstances, although not all the details.

Miss Allen testified, in answer to several put questions by Richmond, that Mrs. Compton had demanded that he sign a certain paper about her work.

Mrs. Compton said that Mr. Gibson had told her that Richmond said that her work was not up to date, and "Mr. Gibson don't look like a man who would lie," were the words Miss Allen said Mrs. Compton had used with Richmond.

Miss Allen said that she had heard Mrs. Compton say that she would "fix" Mrs. Lewis when she left the house and went to live with Judge Andrews' family, also that Mrs. Compton had said that Hilo was a very gossiping town.

Then the question of the use of the bath room was brought up by Miss Allen who said that there had been friction about hot and cold water and the time each of the women was to have the room.

This finished her testimony for Richmond and in response to a suggestion by Aiken in regard to the trouble, she said she thought it was just a case of a boarder being dissatisfied with her boarding house that caused Mrs. Compton to leave.

Began After Mrs. Compton Left.

"There was no unpleasantness in school until Mrs. Compton had left the Lewis home," said Miss Allen. The witness also said in regard to Mrs. Compton insulting other teachers that she had never been insulted herself and she knew of no one else who had. She had seen Mrs. Compton act angry when talking to other teachers but had never heard any conversation of that kind.

Allen—Did the boarding house trouble start the high school trouble?

Miss Allen—I think Mrs. Compton expected a great deal of attention from Mr. Richmond and because she did not get all that she expected she was angry.

This ended the examination of the witnesses and Mrs. Compton had the floor to answer the charges of Richmond, which she did at length.

Mrs. Compton Answers.

Mrs. Compton started in by asking Mr. Pope if his attitude was the same

ABE MARTIN



Tilford Moots got hit on the head with a mallet at a kitchen shower yesterday. A politician usually winds up in the rear ranks with a leaky torch.

as that of Inspector Gibson toward her, the latter having said, in Hilo that he had known the other teachers for years and she was a stranger to him so that their word would go farther than would her own.

Commissioner Stanley did not give Pope a chance to answer but said that her word was just as good as Richmond's or any other teacher and that the commissioners did not know any of them personally.

To clear up matters Aiken asked Mrs. Compton to tell why and how she came to Hawaii.

Why She Came.

"I graduated from Chicago University in 1907," said Mrs. Compton, "and since that time I have been teaching, last year in Toledo, Ohio, and while there learned of the position in Hilo offered by Mr. Richmond, who was a visitor at the University looking for a teacher. When the position was first offered to me I refused it, but after meeting Mr. Richmond and talking the matter over with him I decided to accept."

Story Convincing.

Mrs. Compton told her story in a straightforward manner without any hesitancy or any dramatics, and she went from point to point with the sure perception of a well-trained mind, making a good impression on her auditors.

She told of the trip down from San Francisco, about Miss Sandrey being on the boat and that she was wrought up because Richmond paid so much attention to Mrs. Compton and her room-mate.

About Miss Sandrey.

"I asked Mr. Richmond if he thought it was only seasickness which was the matter with Miss Sandrey, and he said he didn't know. I asked him what had been his relations with her and he said that he had gone around with her some and written to her and they had gone to the mainland together."

"Mr. Richmond was in Chicago about a week and Miss Sandrey had not seen her mother for three years. Yet when he wrote her that he was returning to Hawaii she came along too after that short visit home, and I thought that was strange if there was nothing serious between them."

Has Worked on Text Books.

Then Mrs. Compton got down to the first charge against her, refusal to hand in outline for her English work. She told of collaborating with writers on the mainland in getting out a grammar and showed letters from Henry Holt and Company and American Book Company about her work on text books.

Work on text books.

The grammar was in use in the Hilo school did not meet with her approval in certain minor ways and she asked permission of Richmond to change her instruction. He asked for an outline and she worked on it most of the time Saturday and Sunday, the request having been made on Friday. That when she wanted to talk the matter over with him at teachers' meeting on Monday there was nothing to be done as he said there was no meeting and that they were all going swimming.

Complied With School Requests.

"I never failed to comply with a request of Mr. Richmond's about school work," said Mrs. Compton, emphasizing the word "school."

Asked for Chicago Position.

Here she handed in a reply to a letter she had written to Clark's Teacher's agency in Chicago, right after she had left Mrs. Lewis' house, telling them to find a place for her to teach on the mainland, and showing that she wished to get out of the Hilo position even before any real friction came up in school matters. All the witnesses testifying that this did not commence until about the middle of November.

Faced Resignation.

"Mr. Richmond told me that he had forced the former English teacher to resign, and after I had taught him and the servant girl at the house I knew that he would do the same to me and so I wanted to leave. I am teaching for my living and I did not want to be forced from my position," said Mrs. Compton.

Richmond Interrupts.

At this point Richmond broke in and asked the commissioners if they were going to allow Mrs. Compton tell all these things to which Commissioner Stanley replied that as long as the board did not object he did not see how Richmond could do so.

Then came the story of the trip to the volcano. Mrs. Compton had been living with the Andrews' and during much of the time the judge had been very ill and at times delirious.

"It was a great strain," said Mrs. Compton, "and I wanted to get away for a few days for a change. I realized how old everyone else was and that Judge would pass away soon and that

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would be an added strain on me living there in the house, and I thought a couple of days in new scenes would make me all right again.

"I also wanted to go at that time as a matter of economy for the rate to the volcano was much cheaper than ordinarily, and that meant something to me. Mrs. Campbell was my chaperone at that time."

The Little Things.

Then the matter of the extra examination of the Weatherbee boy came up and other occasions cited by Richmond when she had been insubordinate and each one was fully explained.

In regard to the note episode, Mrs. Compton said she asked Richmond to sign a statement that her last outline in English was in and he refused. She had been told by Gibson that Richmond said her work was not up to date and she wanted proof that it was. She followed him into another room where Miss Allen was and said, "Mr. Richmond are you going to sign this note? He shook his head and said, 'No, I am not.'"

In regard to the visit of Superintendent Pone Mrs. Compton said that she wished Pope to see her work as she was the new teacher there and wanted him to know exactly what she was doing.

Immorality.

"I have no recollection of saying that Hilo was a gossip town or anything in regard to immorality," said Mrs. Compton. "I might have done so for I had thought it many times. I could have said it if the High School at that time, but I did not on account of advice I had not to speak of it. I did tell Miss Deyo that she should take more interest in her girls and look after them more, though."

The cause for the friction in the school came about shortly before I left Mrs. Lewis' and partly on account of a bathing party. Do you want me to tell what the exact cause of all the friction was?"

Stanley—"That is what we are here for, we want to know all the details." Nothing Serious.

Then Mrs. Compton began at the beginning, told of the trip down on the boat of the attentions of Richmond which hurt Miss Sandrey, then in Hilo when Richmond paid attention to her, Mrs. Compton said and told him there could be nothing serious between them and if she ever married the man was back in the states and his name was not Richmond. At that time Richmond told her that he was not serious in Hawaii for the girl he would marry lived on the mainland.

Servant Girl Episode.

Then she mentioned finding Richmond with the servant girl and it was directly after this that she left Mrs. Lewis' and also wrote to Chicago for a position.

"Richmond had had several flirtations in Hilo the one with Mrs. Lewis is causing the most talk, so much that Mr. Kinney of the Tribune came to Richmond and told him about it. I told him about his relations with Mrs. Lewis and he said there was nothing doing when Jarrett was home."

"After I left Mrs. Lewis' house she pursued me all over Hilo and told people all sorts of stories about me. It was not until after Richmond had the serious experience with a servant girl in the house and I saw him, that the trouble started."

Connors Read Kipling.

"Mr. Connors of the Herald came over occasionally and read Kipling to me, and after his episode with Margaret Richmond would glare at him every time he came in the house. In fact he acted almost like an insane person and I believe he thought I would tell Mr. Connors what I had seen and he was afraid of him being a newspaperman."

"Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Richmond broke me up with the Smiths. Mr. W. H. Smith, I mean, the one who is here in the room now. We went to

a dance and the Smiths would not ride home in the same carriage with me. The hack took me home and then went back after them."

"It was right after this that Mrs. Smith went around to all her friends and said that Billy had a big toe and that I was not fit to associate with. That the reason she was telling this was because Billy had the toe."

Speaking of the interview with Mr. Richmond in the library when Mrs. Compton talked of resignation, she said that she had told Richmond she was being treated unfairly and would deal directly with Mr. Pope in regard to her resignation.

She told also of "several enthusiastic little things thrown out at the table" by other teachers, mentioning Miss Allen and Mrs. Lewis.

"What was the 'Margaret episode'?" Stanley asked.

"Do you want me to tell you in public?" she replied. "It is extremely embarrassing to tell here before all these people. I'd much prefer to tell you in private."

Commissioners Stanley and Aiken put their heads together and after a whispered consultation the "Margaret episode" was paged up for the time being.

She told of other unpleasant occasions, declaring that Richmond became so when he saw her he "became angry and glared."

"I had lost my respect for Mr. Richmond by this time," said Mrs. Compton.

In response to Miss Wilcox's question Mrs. Compton said, "I feel that none of this trouble started in the school or over school work. It all arose from outside matters."

Richmond at this point cross-questioned Mrs. Compton on some of the points she had made, but about the only and important one was, "Was it my habit to call you out of class room often?"

"Not often," she answered.

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